

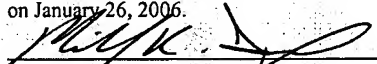


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 18 of this paper.